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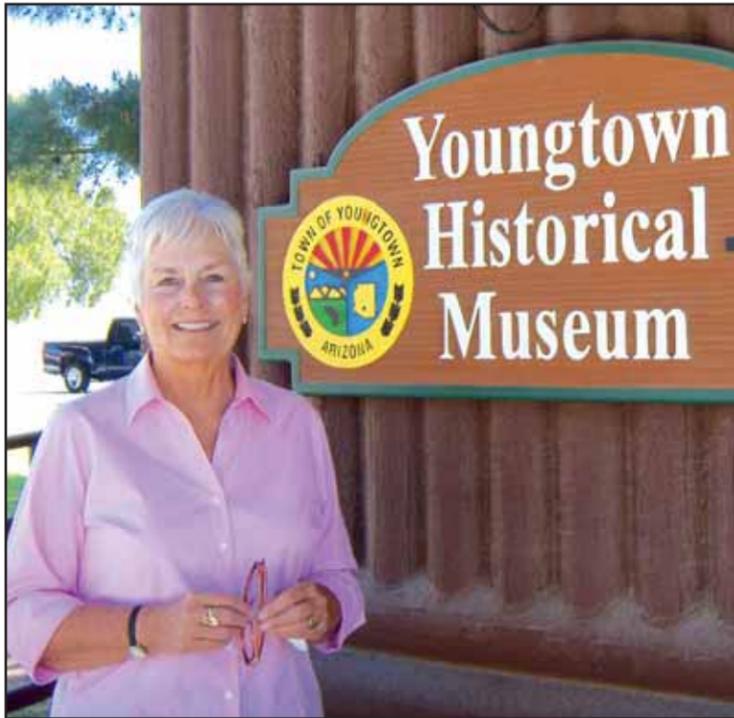
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Mrs. Greer's great niece visits Youngtown

Bonnie O'Brien Storms first visited her great aunt Frances Greer when she was 7 years old. She remembers sleeping in the bunk house, the building that is now the Public Works/Building Safety office. There was a swimming pool near where the Library now stands and Mrs. Storms remembers how delightfully cold the water was. Mrs. Storms and her husband, Ted, met as students at Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff. They now live in Sun City Grand. Mrs. Storms is hoping that her brothers, who live in California, will come and visit the Youngtown Historical Museum.



Bonnie O'Brien Storms, great niece of Frances Greer, and her husband Ted stopped to visit the Youngtown Historical Museum.



MAYOR'S TOWN HALL MEETING

May 19, 2012, 9 – 11 a.m.
(Youngtown Clubhouse)

This is a Youngtown resident's opportunity to exchange information, ask questions and get answers from Mayor LeVault in an informal forum.

Looking forward to seeing you!



Community blood drive

United Blood Services will have a community blood drive at Compass Bible Church Fellowship Hall, 11230 W. Alabama Ave. (right next to Town Hall) on June 2 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. UBS is desperately in need of type O negative blood. There is a shortage of all types of



blood at this time but that blood type is most needed. You can sign up online by going to www.BloodHero.com, sponsor code: CompassBibleChurch. For questions or assistance in

signing up, call Vicki at 623-933-3106.

If you cannot donate on June 2, there is an UBS site at 18583 N. 59th Ave. # 113 Glendale, Arizona 85308-1257 602-431-9500 and let them know you are donating in Compass Bible's name when you sign in.

Attention teens:

Do not forget about the live band performance that will be held in front of the Library 1 to 2 p.m. May 30. Come listen to the sounds of "No Longer Together," an alternative rock band from Scottsdale. The live band's unique sound features dual lead and harmony vocals from brother and sister, Robert and Katie. Read more library news on page 8.



Sheriff Posse: You're still wanted

Last month a call went out from Mark Hannah, the Town's Projects, Programs, and Grants Manager, for volunteers interested in forming a new Sheriff's posse here in Youngtown. From that simple request, he reports, the response has been remarkable. "I have had the pleasure of meeting a number of really nice folks who wish to come together to get this posse project off the ground."

Hannah reports, "When I first envisioned the posse here I felt that if we could find 15 to 20 volunteers we could get this up and running. So far, in less than a month, we have had almost that many folks turn in appli-

cations and even more have expressed an interest."

If you are interested in joining the Youngtown Posse, you must be at least 18 years old, a U.S. citizen, have a valid Arizona driver's license and be in good health. Applicants must complete and have notarized a written application to start

the process. The MCSO holds monthly recruiting meetings the third Wednesday of each month except December, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office Training Center, 2627 S. 35th Ave., just north of the

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By HONORABLE
MICHAEL LeVAULT
MAYOR
TOWN OF YOUNGTOWN

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

Whether or not you're a Christian, this passage - the definition of faith - from the book of Hebrews is a handy piece of information to have because so much of what we rely on in our lives is, at its essence, based on faith. This is especially true of government. The power our elected leaders exercise flows from us - the people. We, the people, endow them with this power, placing our faith in them, trusting that they will act selflessly and in our best interest. Right now, we all feel a little abused by those leaders.

In fact, our faith has been breached so often that a hard-edged cynicism has become the dominant feeling of the average American toward their government. Elected officials at every level are viewed with

suspicion if not outright contempt.

In Youngtown, I challenge residents to take an objective look at the Town's performance the past five years. Annual spending has been cut dramatically while service delivery has been improved in nearly all areas. For example, our contract with the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) is generating savings which exceed projections, yet traffic citations, in the first three months, were up over 600 percent. On-view calls and interaction with residents are also up sharply. Simply put, the law enforcement presence in Youngtown has been greatly enhanced - at a tremendous savings.

In spite of the awful economy, we have managed to rebuild our rainy day fund to around 70 percent of annual operating expenses. Most importantly, we continue to make decades-overdue vital improvements, enhancements and upgrades to the Town's infrastructure. We have paved nearly eight miles of alleys, helping

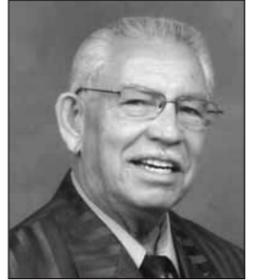
greatly in our efforts to control PM10. We have now secured funding which will allow us to complete fire-flow improvements this year, bringing the entire Town up to International Fire Code standards. We have managed to finance these improvements by successfully competing for federal grants; very little Town money was used and the Town remains debt-free.

We will continue to take creative and prudent actions to improve Youngtown in critical and measurable ways. We have assembled an effective, successful team with Council, representing the people, acting as the policy maker - laying out the roadmap for the future of Youngtown, and staff carrying out or executing these policies, and moving the Town down the road into the future.

When it comes to Youngtown, measure our performance and judge us by the results. If you do, you will find that we have been true to our word. We have kept faith with the people.



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Shirley Oglesby-Gustafson



Councilmember
Judy Johnson

Poet honored by Youngtown Council

Mayor LeVault presented a Proclamation to James Skiver, local poet and author, bestowing the honor of Poet Laureate at the April 19, 2012 Town Hall meeting. Many family and friends were in attendance, including a daughter who flew in from San Diego. Here is another sample of one of Mr. Skiver's works.

'Careless Karter' by Jim Skiver

Once I watched a Golf Cart
As it traveled one fine day
I thought, by golly I could use
Transportation in that way

They were buzzing right along
And I decided not to pass
A limit of 25 MPH
So I stayed off the gas

And I admired that there Golf Cart
So darned bright I really felt
It would be perfect for my use
If it had a strong seat belt

Just then it turned into a yard
And zipped across the lawn
And when it turned and stopped
There sure was something wrong

The Lady passenger was lost
And landed on the grass
She bounced a couple times
And I was sure she broke her... Leg

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In words I can't repeat
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Might have helped her keep her seat.

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Front row - right: Town Manager Robinson and Mayor LeVault.

MCSO: Citizens Academy

For three bi-weekly sessions ending April 21, Mayor Mike LeVault and Town Manager Lloyce Robinson attended the Citizens Academy sponsored by MCSO. This is the first Citizens Academy in 15 years and it was an honor to be invited.

The participants learned about Fusion Centers, MILO, what LBJ stands for (Lower Buckeye Jail), Crime Lab, MASH I and MASH II. Tours of the Food Factory (staffed by LBJ inmates), the Tents, Downtown Phoenix-Communications (where all the 911 and non-emergency calls to MCSO are funneled and distributed), 4th Avenue Jail, and Property/Evidence (a 3-story, massive building housing a mountain of evidence that is carefully bar-coded and cataloged). Hands on training of Taser and guns were highlights.

Presentations outlined the serious nature of divisions dealing with SWAT, Human Smuggling, Criminal Investigations, Laws of Arrest, Use of Force, and Role of the Media, Intelligence and Civil Overview.

It was apparent during the three days of presentations and tours by 27+ MCSO personnel that they strive to enforce the law, get the bad guys, delight in their

successes and do it with a conservative financial plan.

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The resources in the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office organization are strong, progressive and admired by agencies external to the State of Arizona. Youngtown has heard from others in the policing fields that strive to duplicate the financial constraints and massive resources reflected in the MCSO. Why, everyone seems to want a pair of pink underwear!

So, the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office organization is more than black vehicles with reflective gold lettering, pink underwear, "No Vacancy" sign, Tent City; it is an organization of well-trained and dedicated men and women who serve the citizens 24/7.

A greater understanding, appreciation and respect for the MCSO organization and the Deputies who police our Town is the result of participating in the Citizens Academy and realizing the amount of training, resources and dedication it takes for each of them to be effective and safe.

WANTED: Sheriff Posse volunteers,

From 1 intersection of 35th Avenue and Lower Buckeye Road, Phoenix, Arizona.

Mark reports that to expedite the recruitment process, interested recruits can download and complete a Posse recruitment application at the following link: <http://mcsos.org/About/Posse.aspx>. Completed applications must be notarized and brought to the monthly meeting for validation and

processing. (Do not print the application double-sided, only single-sided applications will be accepted).

If you are interested in

joining the Youngtown Posse, contact Mark at Town Hall at 623-933-8286 x-134, or at mhannah@youngtownaz.org.



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Budget process for Fiscal Year 2012-2013

By **LLOYCE ROBINSON**
TOWN MANAGER

PROCESS: The Town Manager, Department Heads and the Finance Staff begin the budget process in February each year with a detailed review of the first six months of revenues and expenditures. This review confirms if the estimated figures were good assumptions and the current budget is on track to meet all obligations. As the budgeting process follows a zero-based principle it is important to identify all revenue sources FIRST. This is the most important information in preparation of the budget. The new budget must be based on the amount of funding anticipated including any grant funding, which represents restricted use for a specific project or

program. It is more of an educated guess than a "shot in the dark" or plugging in numbers.

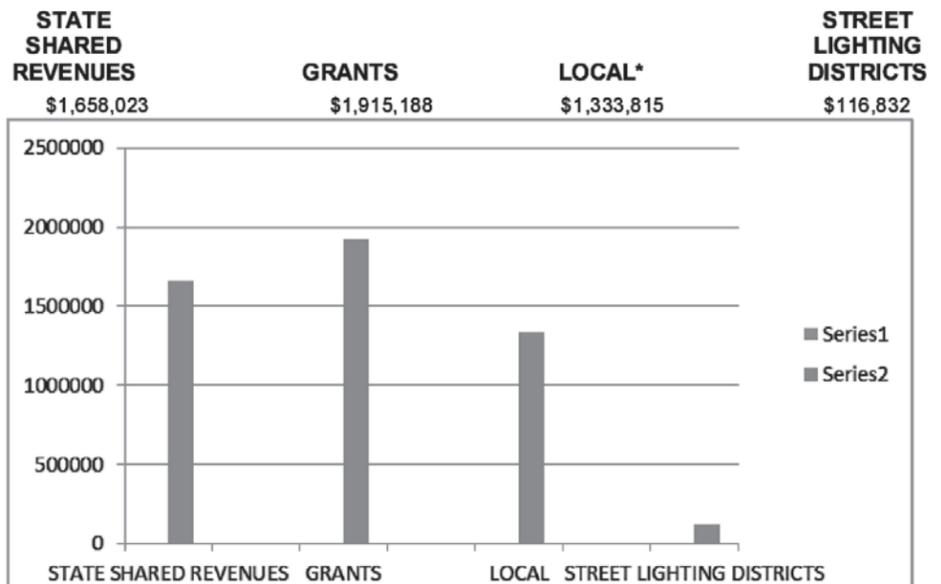
After two rounds of draft departmental budgets reviewed by the Town Manager and Finance Staff, individual discussions were held with each Department Head to ascertain a full understanding of their budgetary submittals.

The next step was to begin the Council Briefing Sessions, which are open to the public. This year's budget process included the Citizen Tax Advisory Committee members to better acquaint them with the entire process and assist in any future financial considerations. They have completed an in depth review of the Town's Model City Tax Code which has resulted in some proposals for changes for Council consideration on May 17.

Four briefing sessions from April 2 through April 16 and a May 3 Council Work Session to further discuss aspects of the proposed budget complete the final steps. On June 7 the Tentative Budget (which bottom line figure can only be reduced and not raised) is submitted to Council. Upon its approval, the Final Budget is considered for Council's approval on June 28.

RESULT: The budgetary process concludes after 24 persons are involved in 15 separate meetings averaging 1.5 hours per meeting. This course of action is taken very seriously and with much review, analyzing and research based on a business model and principles. On July 1, a new set of figures will be implemented that will give promise for advancing the Town another year.

The Chart below reflects the categories which fund the Town's Operations.



*LOCAL = Rental tax, city sales tax, rental of parks, building permit fees, court revenue, business licenses, utility franchise fees

Money to operate Town

The Street Lighting Districts (SLIDS) are the only revenue source (.02%) that can be directly attributed to the residents who are property owners to fund the Town's operations.

If a resident/property owner purchases a product (other than services), pays rental tax, rents a park, pays a Court fine, or gets

a business license, THEN AND ONLY THEN have they contributed to the financial well-being of the Town. The Town relies on external resources to fund its operations.

State Shared Revenues are based on population and as a small community, Youngtown's portion is one of the smaller shares.

Conservative financial

planning and principles, monthly monitoring of revenue/expenditures and realignment of processes has situated the Town of Youngtown in a stable condition. However, the appeal to provide more amenities, programs and capital improvements must be stymied until additional revenue resources are realized.

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DATE: THURSDAY, April 5, 2012
 TIME: 8:56 p.m.
 PLACE: TOWN CLUBHOUSE,
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 Approved: Addendum 2 to that certain contract entitled Agreement for Professional Services between Willdan Engineering, Inc. ("Willdan") and the Town of Youngtown ("Town"), dated June 13, 2002, by adding

Section XIX – Sudan and Iran, whereby Willdan warrants that it does not have scrutinized business operations in Sudan or Iran, as prohibited by A.R.S. § 35-391.06 and § 35-393.06, and that it further acknowledges that any subcontractor who is contracted to perform work pursuant to this Contract shall warrant that they do not have scrutinized business operations in Sudan or Iran.

Final Phases of Youngtown Waterline Improvement Project getting Underway

As you read this article, completion of Youngtown's fireflow improvement project is moving forward. As you may already know, this project began as the Town's response to the inadequate water flow capability for firefighting purposes in North Youngtown.

Phase II with Phases III & IV into a final push to upgrade the fireflow system for all of Youngtown north of Peoria Avenue. According to Hannah, "We're hoping to move on this rather rap-

idly once the design work is completed. I'd like to see this wrapped up by the end of August, if possible."

As with Phase I, installation will take place in

MORE PHASES ON 8

According to Mark Hannah, Youngtown's Projects, Programs & Grants Manager, as the plan was first drafted, it was recognized that due to costs, this would be a multi-year endeavor; as originally written, we believed it would take three to four years to complete the full upgrade based on predicted funding.

Last year, the Town completed Phase-I, using Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), funds from the department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), in the area between Grand Avenue and Tennessee Avenue.

Also last year, the Town was successful in receiving a second CDBG grant to complete Phase-II of the project, which was to take in the area between Tennessee Avenue and Connecticut Avenue (approximately). Actual construction had been delayed by congress, as well as the need to complete cyclical environmental clearances. All of these delays and clearances have now been met and the project is in the design phase.

But gladly, the story doesn't end here. Late last year the Town submitted an application to combine Phases III and IV into one final push to complete the waterline improvement project once and for all. Last month the town learned that the application was successful for fiscal year 2013 CDBG funding, which begins on July 1, 2012. Since then, however, the Town has been approached by the county's Community Development Department to accelerate construction of these final phases. The Town has accepted the county's offer and is awaiting approval by the Board of Supervisors to move forward.

What this means from a practical standpoint is that the Town will combine

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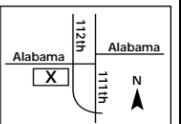
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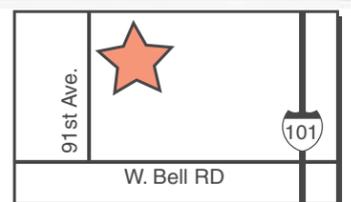
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In the works: May is Building Safety Month

By **JIM FOX**
PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER

May is Building Safety Month, and even has been proclaimed by the Town Council at its last meeting. What is Building Safety Month and why is it so important? Building Safety Month is an International Celebration of Safe and Sensible Structures which is the theme for Building Safety Month in May 2012. This Proclamation encourages all Americans to raise awareness of the importance of building safety; green and

sustainable building; pool, spa and hot tub safety; and new technologies in the construction industry. Building Safety Month of May 2012, encourages appropriate steps everyone can take to ensure that the places where we live, learn, work, worship and play are safe and sustainable, and recognizes that countless lives have been saved due to the implementation of safety codes by local and state agencies. Each year, in observance of Building Safety Month, Americans are asked to consider projects to improve building



In this photo you can see more improper wire connections and copper pipes notched into the framing members with no protection from screws or nails.



In these two photos you can see the wires "wire-nutted" together behind the old drywall – a sure fire hazard.



How does this owner intend to get into his garage?

safety and sustainability at home and in the community, and to acknowledge the essential service provided to all of us by local and state building departments and federal agencies in protecting lives and property.

Many dangerous situations can be found during inspections of projects that once they are uncovered, you can see that obviously no permits were involved.

Why do I need a Building Permit?

There are many reasons for obtaining building permits for construction.

Taking out a permit provides you the services of a building plan reviewer who will ensure that the plans are complete, that the plans comply with accepted engineering principles (Building Codes), and that the plans meet the minimum construction standards. In addition, a building inspector will perform inspections to make sure that construction is consistent with the approved plans and in conformance with the Town's adopted Codes. Construction is a substantial financial investment, which can be seriously jeopardized by non-complying construc-

tion. Work done without required permits is not only illegal, but will create problems when or if you try to sell your property. Also, fire and homeowners insurance coverage may not recognize work performed without permits or may be invalidated.

As a Certified Building Official and being in the business for 35 years, I have certainly run across many curious building techniques and many "oops" situations. It is so much easier and cost effective to put

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some planning into a project prior to undertaking the actual construction work.

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A permit ensures oversight of the contractor's work (or yours). The scrutiny of an inspector can guard against mistakes and unacceptable workmanship, and

ensure that the work adheres to building codes. You'll sleep better knowing your project meets safety standards for materials and construction techniques. A permit will also help you avoid headaches in the future. If building officials discover you have done work without a permit, you could be required to dismantle your remodel. If you sell your house, you might be legally obligated to disclose that you have remodeled without a permit, and the buyer could demand that you bring work up to code. Call your Town of Youngtown Building Safety Office with any questions. One last note – if your Contractor tells you he has secured a permit, and you don't have a "RED" inspection card, you probably don't have a permit.

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The Summer Reading Program for all ages will be starting May 24. Come read some books and earn some prizes.

On May 29, (instead of Story Time), we will have a guest speaker, "Wildman Phil," who will bring in different creatures, such as lizards, spiders, and snakes!

ATTENTION TEENS!

Do not forget about the live band performance that will be held in front of the Library on May 30 from 1 to 2 p.m. Come listen to the sounds of "No Longer Together," an alternative rock band from Scottsdale. The live band's unique sound features dual lead and harmony vocals from brother and sister, Robert and Katie.

The library is still open on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and Story Time continues on Tuesday morn-

ings at 10:30 a.m. for ages 2 to 5.

Resume writing assistance is available with Diana Green, our library clerk. Whether you are creating a resume, or want to update one, call and make an appointment with her.

The library is always happy to receive donations in the form of hard back books and DVD's. Also, if anyone is looking into their estate planning, did you know you can bequeath part of your estate to our library fund? The Library offers a

large selection of large print books, magazines, VHS and DVD movies, and many other items. There are community notices, Youngtown clubs to join, and volunteer opportunities. Come in and look at all the information.

Library hours are: Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Youngtown Historical Museum is open for tours by appointment.

*Heidi Speed,
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Friends of the Library News

The Friends of the Youngtown Public Library have a deal for you! As you plan for your summer trips, it is always great to have something to read. The Youngtown Public Library has liquidated their supply of paperback books due to lack of circulation. They contributed them to the "Friends" for their ongoing sale.

The rationale is, we sell them, make some money, and give it back to the library for other things that aren't in the Town budget. It's a WIN-WIN for everyone! We are offering them five for \$1.00 in May and

June. They are in good shape and contain some of the best read authors. So check out the little red cart in front of the Library and help with this project. Don't leave home without them!

All area residents are invited to join the Friends of the Youngtown Public Library, Inc., for just \$10.00 per year. We meet every other month at the Youngtown Clubhouse on the third Friday of every month at 9:00 a.m. Come join us! We accept good condition books, tapes, etc. for resale. Have a great summer!!

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the Town's right-of-way and will involve excavating trenches in the streets west of 111th Avenue from Tennessee to Peoria avenues. The project may require traffic diversion at times, but the contractor will be responsible to assure that access to homes and businesses is kept open.

construction, residents and business-owners will be invited to meetings with Town officials and the contractor to discuss the project and answer your questions. We will keep you posted.

In the meantime, feel free to contact Mark Hannah at 623-933-8286, or by e-mail at mhannah@youngtownaz.org for any questions.

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Do you have a dog that barks?



Barking is a natural behavior for dogs; it is one way they communicate. But excessive barking is often a sign that something is 'wrong'. The first step in solving the problem is to determine why your dog is barking.

Reasons why your dog may bark:

- It may be bored, lonely or frustrated due to a lack of company, exercise, or mental stimulation.
- If left in the backyard for long periods, barking may be an enjoyable way for dogs to pass the time. Dogs are also social, pack animals, and may suffer from anxiety when alone.
- Especially if they are bored or lonely to seek attention. Even though their barking may result in scolding, dogs may still prefer negative attention to no attention at all.
- To alert or warn you of something it thinks might be a threat. This could include barking at animals, the postman, noises, or

the movement of people or vehicles outside the property.

- Some dog breeds may be more inclined to bark.
- Due to fear (e.g. of thunder, fireworks, or other loud noises).
- Due to medical reasons (e.g. fleas, allergy, or illness).
- Due to physical reasons (e.g. if hot, cold, hungry or thirsty).

How to solve the problem:

- Depending on why your dog is barking, you may need to:
 - o Take the dog on more frequent walks (once or twice daily) and include it on family outings. Even if you have a large yard, dogs still need to socialize and experience the sounds and smells of walks outside.
 - o Ensure the dog has fresh water, a balanced diet, and adequate shelter from weather extremes. If possible, give the dog access to the house through a dog door.
 - o If the dog is barking at

passers-by, block its view of movement outside the property with solid fencing or hedging.

Alternatively, if the source of provocation is a human (e.g. children teasing the dog), try to discuss the problem with them.

Dogs bark for a reason, and there are many ways that excessive barking can be managed. Please feel free to look through the internet or your local library to find other helpful solutions for the barking dog.

Do you have a neighbor that has a barking dog?

Youngtown Ordinance: 6.04.030 Noises: It is unlawful to harbor or keep any animals that disturb the peace, comfort or health of any person residing in the town by loud noises at any time of the day or night.

Below is the simple explanation of what the process is for reporting a barking dog and what is done once the report is received.

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The past month has found the Sheriff's Crime Action Team (SCAT) proactively patrolling the Agua Fria River bottom resulting in arrests and issuance of citations. Anyone found in this area is in violation of posted signs, considered a trespasser and will be issued a citation. No warning is issued, just citations when a citizen is found driving a vehicle or ATV.

The river bottom area has been the dumping ground for various debris, tires, dead animals and household trash. It is the Sheriff's Office intent to uphold the law and the Town's intent to curtail the illegal dumping activities in conjunction with SCAT. Don't be fooled by their big grins, meeting a SCAT Deputy in the Agua Fria River bottom could ruin your day!

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From the Bench...Drinking teens

With summer temperatures just around the corner, the number of boating violations and citations for minors in possession of alcohol usually skyrocket. You can read the seasons and school holidays based on the type and number of citations that are filed in the courts with jurisdictions over Arizona's lakes and waterways.



Lex Anderson
Town Magistrate

Unfortunately the season that is supposed to be filled with vacations, fun and relief from studies is almost always marked with alcohol related tragedy.

The MCSO Lake Patrol is always prepared by keeping a large number of enforcement staff available on these days to handle the record crowds that fill the Maricopa County lakes and waterways.

Some of the citations for alcohol violations go to teenage drinkers as young as 13. The legal age for

consuming alcohol in Arizona is 21 and those under the age of 18 that are cited are required to appear in court with a parent.

The majority of parents that accompany their children to court are very concerned and want to help. Others give the appearance ranging from indifference, inconvenience to steadfastly refusing to believe that their child could have ever been involved with alcohol (sometimes even after the child admits to the violation!)

I have had teenagers as

young as 13 to 15 come before the bench and readily admit that they began drinking at an even earlier age and are now alcoholics.

Not a single one of them ever planned on that happening to them nor had any idea of how devastating it would be to their lives.

Teens that are cited and plead guilty to the charge are typically assigned to a diversion program that I developed along with the Maricopa County Chief Medical Examiner and Trauma Center at John C. Lincoln Hospital. This program is modeled after one that exists in San Diego, California that boasts a low 14% recidivism rate for teens that are cited there for alcohol violations.

The courts and medical society can and do make a difference in these type of cases, but the real key is in the parental supervision.

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General Plan Process: land use scenarios

Residents of Youngtown would like to have a more dynamic community.

The meetings regarding the General Plan clearly indicate that the people of Youngtown realize the Town's future is linked to economic development. The largest portion of comments received in the first public forum related to the importance of business and commerce. The challenge: How do we get there? What investments must we make in order to attract and grow a solid commercial core?

The first step in achieving a stronger commercial base is the revitalization of the aesthetics of the Town. Among the ideas being explored are landscaping, painting, and "home-grown" public

art. Residents can share any ideas regarding interesting ways to beautify the Town.

The next workshop will be 6 to 7 p.m. May 14 at the Clubhouse.

The forum will focus

on land use scenarios. The Town has touched on when speaking about the Ideal Youngtown in the Visioning Exercise. Come join the meeting - and bring any ideas.

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Pictured L-R: Flo and Joe Brown, Margaret Chittenden, Fred Warrick

Lemonade stand for a good cause: new banner sparks questions

The first donation drive of this Committee was held in conjunction with AARP Shred-a-thon on April 5 in Greer Park. The sunglass clad group was thrilled with the small, but beginning support of their first public fundraiser (\$43.05). The new banner was displayed which drew compliments and questions of future plans, opening date and the location.

At the Committee's April 21 meeting, the donation letter and draft for the site sign were discussed and final revisions made for presentation at the next meeting on Saturday, May 5, at 9 a.m. at the Youngtown Methodist Church, 113th and Alabama Avenues. A bank account at the Youngtown BBVA Compass Bank has been estab-

lished and donations may be made at that location for your convenience. As more residents join the Committee, a growing interest for this dog park is unmistakable. Attend the May 5 meeting to experience and be a part of this effort for our 4 legged friends. For questions, call Councilmember Margaret Chittenden, 623-974-9756.

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